

Remarks and Argument

Claims 1-16 are canceled. Claims 17-22 are pending in this application. Claims 17-21 are amended, and claim 22 is added. Claims 17 and 21 are independent claims.

Support for Amendments and new claims

Support for the amendments and new claims can be found in claims 17 -21 as previously presented.

Allowable claims

The Office Action indicated claims 17-21 as being allowable.

Claims 17-21 have been amended to remove inconstancies, spelling errors and to provide appropriate antecedent basis.

In particular, in independent claims 17 and 21 the phrase "... said impression cylinder jacket..." has been amended to "...said impression cylinder..."

In dependent claims 17 – 20 the phrase "The claim recited ..." has been amended to "The method recited ..." , "an" has been amended to "said" and "jacked" has been amended to "jacket". The phrase "...engaging said water roller to said plate roller..." has been amended to "...said contacting said plate cylinder with said water roller."

These amendments do not change the scope of the claims, which remain allowable. Applicant therefore requests that amended claims 17-21 be allowed.

New claims

New, dependent claim 22 has been added. Claim 22 is an apparatus claim corresponding in scope to dependant method claim 18. As claim 22 depends from, and includes all the limitations of, allowed claim 21, claim 22 is allowable. Applicant therefore requests that claim 22 be entered and allowed.

35 USC 103 Rejections

The Office Action rejects claims 1- 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being obvious in view of Uribe et al. [U.S. Patent 5,277,111] and Applicant Admitted Prior Art ("AAPA").

Claims 1-16 are canceled and this rejection is moot.

Summary

Therefore in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments, favorable reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of all rejections and objections and that claims 17-22 be allowed at an early date and the patent allowed to issue.

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